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HAND DELIVER

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: The Berkshire Gas Company - D.T.E. 05-58

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

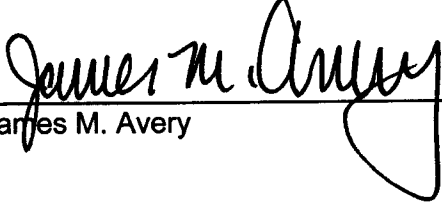
Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding, please find the responses of The Berkshire Gas Company to: (i) the First Set of Information Requests of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy; and (ii) the First Set of Information Requests of the Attorney General (original and one copy provided). For all the reasons stated previously in Berkshire's Motion for Protective Treatment of Confidential Information dated August 26, 2005 and pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 5D, the Company is requesting that all items related to contract price and certain information relating to the solicitation as reflected in the responses to Information Requests DTE 1-6, AG 1-7 and AG 1-10 and redacted from the enclosed version be protected from public disclosure because of their competitively sensitive and proprietary nature. These responses are also being submitted electronically.

Please call me if you require further assistance with respect to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

BROWN RUDNICK BERLACK ISRAELS LLP

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